

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - GOVERNOR - RICHARD F. KNEIP - SMOKEY BEAR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our forests and grasslands are essential to the livelihood and well-being of the citizens of the State; and,

WHEREAS, Our forests and grasslands protect valuable watersheds, provide wildlife habitat, provide sources of raw material for timber industries, livestock production and enlarge the overall economy of the State; and,

WHEREAS, Our forests and grasslands enrich the beauty for the recreation visitor; and,

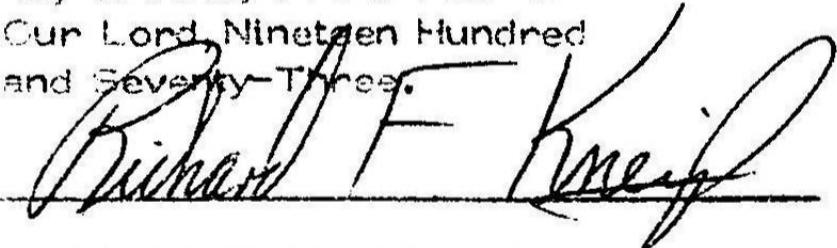
WHEREAS, It is most desirable that business establishments, ranchers, lumbermen, civic organizations, newspapers, radio and television stations, youth groups and State and Federal agencies participate in emphasizing the need for forest and range fire prevention:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 22, 1973, as

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and respectfully urge all businessmen to display fire prevention posters; that newspapers, radio and television stations lend their full support; that all residents remind the traveling visitor of the fire potential and resulting destruction when fire occurs. Let Smokey Bear Day be a day to remind all people of the resources lost in our State when fire takes its ugly toll. I earnestly request that the day be observed in a public spirited manner by all our residents and that Smokey Bear Day become a determination by all to prevent needless waste by wildfire.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this eleventh day of June, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE